



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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### OHSAA 2011 Fall Sport Tournaments Overview

SPORT	Week of Oct. 9	Week of Oct. 16	Week of Oct. 23	Week of Oct. 30	Week of Nov. 6	Week of Nov. 13	Week of Nov. 20	Week of Nov. 27
Golf- B DII & DIII, G DII	STATE							
Golf- B DI, G DI	District	STATE						
Girls Tennis	District	STATE						
Cross Country (B&G)		District	Regional	STATE				
Field Hockey		Qualify	Qualify	STATE				
Soccer (B&G)		Sectional	District	Regional	STATE			
Volleyball		Sectional	District	Regional	STATE			
Football	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Regional Quarters	Regional Semis	Regional Finals	State Semis	STATE FINALS

### Fall Media Memo Notes

#### IMPORTANT STATE TOURNAMENT LINKS

OHSAA Homepage:

<http://www.ohsaa.org>

News & Media Home:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/default.htm>

OHSAA on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/OHSAASports>

State Tournament Credentials and Media Info:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/credentials/info.htm>

Broadcast Rates:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/rates/BroadcastRates.pdf>

Photography Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/PhotographyRegulations.pdf>

OHSAA Radio Network:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/Radio/radiohome.asp>

#### MEDIA NOTES FOR FALL 2011

1. The OHSAA radio network will broadcast all six football state championship games and is a non-exclusive, commercial-split broadcast available via a 48K stereo broadband connection or an 800 telephone number (32K mono). Program logs are created for each game so local stations can insert their own inventory. Stations can opt into affiliate programs for reduced or waived broadcast fees for regional and state tournament contests they broadcast themselves. Contact Tim Stried or check out [www.ohsaa.org/news/Radio/radiohome.asp](http://www.ohsaa.org/news/Radio/radiohome.asp) for more information.

2. The OHSAA's official photographer, Impact Action Sports Photography, can provide media outlets on deadline with photographs from OHSAA state tournament contests at low costs. Impact Action accepts photo assignments from media outlets, who are encouraged to use Impact Action rather than send a stringer. Contact Tim Stried for more details.

3. AP Marketplace: In cooperation with the Associated Press, the OHSAA utilizes the AP Marketplace ([www.apexchange.com](http://www.apexchange.com)) to upload various items such as the weekly football computer rankings, regional and state tournament pairings, state tournament recaps and results. For more information, contact Ohio Assistant Bureau Chief Nancy Nussbaum at [nnussbaum@ap.org](mailto:nnussbaum@ap.org) or 614-885-2727.

4. SportsTime Ohio: The OHSAA's official television partner, SportsTime Ohio, will televise the six football state championship games and other selected football playoff games.

5. Feature Stories Request: Media are asked to email Tim Stried links to any of their feature stories about sportsmanship or overcoming adversity for posting on OHSAA.org.

#### OTHER GENERAL MEDIA NOTES AND LINKS

- The OHSAA's 2011-12 general media regulations are posted at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/OHSAA-Media-Regulations.pdf>

- The OHSAA's "Working with the Media" brochure is posted at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/media/WorkingwithMedia.pdf>

- OHSAA Magazine is published three times per year and mailed to media members. Media who have not been receiving OHSAA Magazine may request a free subscription from Tim Stried. The magazine can also be found online at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/Magazine/maghome.asp>

# OHSAA Football News and Notes

## OHSAA FOOTBALL RELEASES

The OHSAA began publishing a weekly football-specific release on Oct. 25. The releases are posted at OHSAA.org and will only be emailed by request. The weekly football release will be available Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4.

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

The OHSAA Football Tournaments began with regional quarterfinal action Nov. 4 and 5. The regional finals take place Nov. 18 and 19; state semifinals Nov. 25 and 26, and the state finals Dec. 2 and 3.

All Division V, III and II games in the tournaments will be played on Fridays at 7:30, while all Division VI, IV and I games in the tourney will be played on Saturdays at 7:00. The top four finishers in each region in the computer ratings will host first round games, while the next three rounds of the tournaments will be held at neutral sites. The state finals schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 2

- Division V - 11:00 a.m. - Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium
- Division III - 3:00 p.m. - Canton Fawcett Stadium
- Division II - 7:00 p.m. - Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium

Saturday, December 3

- Division VI - 11:00 a.m. - Canton Fawcett Stadium
- Division IV - 3:00 p.m. - Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium
- Division I - 7:00 p.m. - Canton Fawcett Stadium

SportsTime Ohio and Time Warner Cable will televise the state finals live.

## STATEWIDE FOOTBALL STAT LEADERS

The OHSAA will again compile a statewide football leader board of regular-season rushing, passing, receiving and scoring statistics. Please email your area stat leaders to Tim Stried.

## FOOTBALL STATE FINALS INFORMATION AND CREDENTIALS

Media shall use the OHSAA's official football credential application form and fax it to Tim Stried at 614-267-1677. The deadline is noon on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Credentials will be held for pickup at the media entrance of either stadium. At Fawcett Stadium, check in at the gray shed beside Gate 3-4 in the northwest corner. At Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, go to the main ticket office on west side of the stadium under the main grandstand. All media must show their company identification to pick up their credentials. No credentials will be issued to school, parent or freelance photographers.

The OHSAA will produce press box seating charts for each game. Media assigned to the press box are asked to sit in their assigned seat or booth. Media may continue to work in the press box after each game. It is expected that media will conclude their work within 90 minutes after each game.

Both stadiums have designated work rooms for photographers that also contain food and beverage. Both rooms also host the postgame press conferences. At Fawcett Stadium, the room is located on the second level of the brick building behind the east end zone (beside the video board, closest to Interstate 77). At Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, the room is located on the second level of the east press box (opposite the roofed side, use the northeast corner entrance, furthest away from the scoreboard).

## STATE FOOTBALL FINALS TICKET BOOKS ON SALE

Ticket books for all six state football championship games are currently on sale through the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The state football finals are Dec. 2 and 3 at Fawcett Stadium in Canton and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon. Tickets can be ordered on-line at [www.ohsaafbfinals.com](http://www.ohsaafbfinals.com). Ticket books are \$48.00 for the six games. Also available prepaid two-day parking passes for \$10.00, prepaid two-day motor home parking passes for \$20.00 and state tournament souvenir programs for \$4.00 (a savings of \$1.00 from the price at the games). Priority seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a \$3.00 ticket processing fee per order and a \$2.00 postage fee per order. For additional information, contact the Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors' Bureau at 1-800-533-4302 or 330-454-1439.

## ATTENTION RADIO STATIONS

Learn more about the OHSAA Radio Network's broadcasts of the football state championships. Affiliates can have reduced or waived broadcast rates for regional and state tournament contests they broadcast themselves.

## ALL-TIME AP ALL-OHIO FOOTBALL TEAMS

With the help of Mr. Rusty Miller, a longtime member of the Associated Press, the OHSAA has compiled one of the most unified collections of past AP All-Ohio Football teams which can be found at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/history/APPollChampions&All-OhioTeams.htm#Football>. If you have questions or can provide further documentation to add to these records, please e-mail [kdaugherty@ohsaa.org](mailto:kdaugherty@ohsaa.org).

# 2011 Golf State Tournament Recap

Event	Division I	Division II	Division III
<b>Girls Team</b>	Dublin Jerome, 627	Dayton Chaminade-Julienne, 710	-----
<b>Girls Individual</b>	Danielle Nicholson, Geneva, 143	Haylee Hartford, Warren John F. Kennedy, 146	-----
<b>Boys Team</b>	Dublin Jerome, 626	Springfield Kenton Ridge, 677	Columbus Wellington School, 674
<b>Boys Individual</b>	Beau Titsworth, Cleveland St. Ignatius & Ian Holt, Stow-Munroe Falls, 150	Clark Engle, Springfield Shawnee, 154	Andrew Bieber, Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, 154

## Boys Division I

Dublin Jerome High School swept the boys and girls Division I team championship titles for the second time in school history. The Celtics had previously accomplished the feat in 2005. Jerome is the only school to accomplish this feat in the 19 years of both a boys and girls state golf tournament. The Jerome (308-315-623) boys led after day one on the Scarlet Course (Par 71, 7,043 yards) and played well enough on day two to hold off a charging Centerville (317-309-626) for the championship. The Celtics' eighth straight state tournament appearance delivered their fourth state championship trophy (2005, 2006, 2007, 2011). Centerville finishes as runner-up for the second time in school history (2002, 2011). Boys Division I featured co-medalists, as Cleveland St. Ignatius senior Beau Titsworth followed up his 2010 runner-up by firing 72-78 to finish with a 150 total. Stow-Munroe Falls sophomore Ian Holt matched Titsworth's effort by shooting 73-77-150. Senior Chad Merzbacher, from Dublin Jerome, finished one off of their pace shooting 77-74-151 to finish third. Upper Arlington freshman Justin Wick hit the only hole-in-one of the tournament during day one. Wick holed-out on the fly by hitting a 6-iron on the 185 yard, par three, thirteenth.

## Boys Division II

The 2011 OHSAA boys Division II state golf tournament wrapped up Saturday at NorthStar Golf Club (Par 72, 6796 yards) in Sunbury. Springfield Kenton Ridge rose to the top of the field winning its first boys state golf title (342-335-677). Canton Central Catholic (351-330-681) took home the runner-up trophy. Claiming medalist honors was Springfield Shawnee junior Clark Engle (79-75-154), who shot the low-round of 79 in a very difficult scoring day one. He concluded his tournament with a 75 in day two to finish two strokes ahead of Canton Central Catholic senior Logan Lagodich (83-73-156). Finishing as runner-up, Lagodich improved upon his fourth-place tie from a year ago. His 73 in round two was the best 18-hole score for the weekend.

## Boys Division III

The 2011 OHSAA boys Division III state golf tournament concluded Saturday afternoon at The Ohio State University Scarlet Course (Par 71 – 7,043 yards). Columbus Wellington School won its first state championship by 11 strokes with a two-day score of 343-331-674. The runner-up trophy was decided by a tie-breaking procedure and was awarded to Lima Central Catholic with a two-day score of 346-339-685. LCC, which was making its 19th overall appearance in the state tournament, was behind Middletown Christian by one stroke entering the second day but tied the score

shooting a 339. Middletown Christian finished with a two-day score of 345-340-685 but the runner-up was awarded to the team with the best score of the team's No. 5 golfer. On the individual's side, Gates Mills Gilmour Academy's Andrew Bieber followed up his 2010 fourth place finish with a 2011 individual medalist score of 77-77-154. He beat last year's state champion Ryan Troyer (Sugarcreek Garaway, 76-82-158) by four strokes.

## Girls Division I

Dublin Jerome High School swept the boys and girls Division I team championship titles for the second time in school history. The Jerome girls tackled the Gray Course (Par 70, 5,560 yards) by shooting 320-307-627 to best runner-up Massillon Jackson (324-317-641) by 14 strokes. The championship is the second for the Celtics in girls golf, previously winning in 2005. The Jerome girls have now won two championships in three appearances at the state golf tournament. Jackson has now finished as runner-up the past two years after falling short to Mason in the 2010 state tournament. Making her first girls Division I state tournament appearance, Geneva freshman Danielle Nicholson fired a 73-70-143 to win medalist honors by three strokes. Nicholson shot four-under 31 on the back nine leading to the individual honors. Marysville senior Tess Fraser shot 74-72-146 to earn herself individual runner-up.

## Girls Division II

The 2011 OHSAA girls Division II state golf tournament concluded Saturday afternoon at The Ohio State University Gray Course (Par 70, 5,560 yards). Dayton Chaminade-Julienne held off a furious comeback by Poland Seminary to win its first state title with a two-day score of 710. Poland Seminary finished second with a two-day score of 713, three shy of the title. Warren John F. Kennedy (731), Lima Central Catholic (749) and Gates Mills Hawken (751) rounded out the top five. Haylee Hartford (Fr., Warren John F. Kennedy) started out her high school career with an individual medalist performance, posting a 71-75-146. Columbus Wellington School's Annie Miller and Pepper Pike Orange's Brynn FitzGerald were the co-individual runner-ups, posting a 77-76-153 and 76-77-153, respectively.

## 2011 Tennis State Tournament Recap

Event	Division I	Division II
<b>Singles Champion</b>	Mehvish Safdar (So.), Cincinnati Ursuline Academy	Rachel Nelson (Jr.), Millersburg West Holmes
<b>Singles Runner-up</b>	Sandy Niehaus (Jr.), Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame	Courtney Earnest (Sr.), Lexington
<b>Doubles Champion</b>	Lauren Bellinger (Jr.)/ Sarah Stein (Jr.), Dublin Jerome	Dominique Baxter (Sr.)/ Holly Dahmus (Sr.), Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy
<b>Doubles Runner-up</b>	Katie Shepherd (Jr.)/ Lauren Ghidotti (So.), Columbus Bishop Watterson	Alison Biltz (Sr.)/ Danielle Buchinsky (Fr.), Shaker Heights Laurel

The 2011 OHSAA girls tennis state tournaments concluded Saturday afternoon after inclement weather forced play indoors to the Elysium Tennis Center in Plain City.

The Division I singles championship was a repeat of the Southwest sectional and district finals where Cincinnati Ursuline Academy's Mehvish Safdar (So.), the 2010 DI doubles champion, defeated last year's Division I singles state champion Sandy Niehaus (Jr., Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame) 6-1, 7-5. Safdar joined the singles tournament after the graduation of her sister and partner Komal Safdar, the 2009 DI singles champion. In the consolation match, Toledo St. Ursula Academy's Kennedy Shaffer (Fr.) won by an injury default over Westlake junior Lauren Golick, who finished third last year. Shaffer competed against eventual state champion Safdar in the semifinals before losing 6-3, 6-3.

The Division II 2010 Dublin Jerome doubles runner-up partners Lauren Bellinger (Jr.) and Sarah Stein (Jr.) returned to the state tournament to claim the 2011 crown. They defeated Columbus Bishop Watterson's Katie Shepherd (Jr.) and Lauren Ghidotti (So.) 0-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) in a match that lasted 2 hours and 20 minutes. The consolation match featured Upper Arlington's Elaine Cloern (Jr.) and Audrey Berger (Fr.) against Aundrea Busse (So.) and Julie Brockman (Jr.) of Springboro. After a losing a close semifinal match to Dublin Jerome, Upper Arlington came out strong and

defeated Springboro 6-1, 6-3. It was the 33rd appearance by an Upper Arlington team or player at the state tournament.

The Division II singles tournament pitted a No. 3 seed against a No. 1 seed, but the 2010 singles runner-up Rachel Nelson (Jr., Millersburg West Holmes) wouldn't be upset as she defeated Lexington's Courtney Earnest (Sr.) 7-5, 6-2. It was the third-straight state appearance for Nelson, who finished fourth in the 2009 doubles bracket with her sister Mary Nelson. In the consolation match, My Linh Li (Jr., Columbus St. Francis DeSales) defeated Danielle Wolf (Fr., Cincinnati Country Day) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Li also made a state appearance in 2009 when she won the doubles tournament with her sister Kim My Li.

In Division II doubles, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy seniors Dominique Baxter and Holly Dahmus brought home the school's first title since 2002, defeating Alison Biltz (Sr.) and Danielle Buchinsky (Fr.) of Shaker Heights Laurel, 6-1, 6-1. Baxter was also the 2010 doubles runner-up with graduated partner Kassie Faugno. The pair finishes their careers with a combined seven state appearances. Laurel's Biltz also ends her career with back-to-back state showings. In the consolation match, Amy Smedira (Sr.) and Adrian Young (Fr.) from Pepper Pike Orange defeated Toledo Ottawa Hills' Shivani Bhatt (Jr.) and Nancy Rumpf (Sr.) 6-1, 6-4.

## 2011 Field Hockey State Tournament Recap

### Thomas Worthington 1, Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown 0, OT

In overtime, Thomas Worthington sophomore Nina Devine scored the game's only goal to give the Cardinals a 1-0 win over Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown Saturday in the OHSAA field hockey state championship game at Upper Arlington High School.

The state title is the third for Thomas Worthington (20-0-1), which also won titles in 2007 and 2008. The Cardinals were the state runner-up last year and avenged that loss in the semifinals this year with a 1-0 win over Cincinnati St. Ursula. Thomas Worthington was making its sixth appearance in the state tournament.

The Cardinals posted seven shots on goal compared to three for

HB, and also led in penalty corners 14-4. Thomas Worthington also defeated HB during the regular-season, 1-0, and posted shutout victories in 11 of its 20 victories this season.

Hathaway Brown (15-3-2) was a player short in overtime due to a yellow card violation and disqualification. The Blazers won state titles in 2008 and 2002 and were making their 11th appearance in the state tournament.

### Semifinal #1

Worthington Thomas Worthington 1, Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy 0

### Semifinal #2

Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown 2, Gahanna Columbus Academy 1 (ot)

# 2011 Girls and Boys Cross Country State Tournament Recap

Event	Team Champion	Individual Champion
Girls Division I	Brunswick	Claudia Saunders (Sr.), Cincinnati Princeton
Girls Division II	Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary	Sarra Taylor (Soph.), London
Girls Division III	Liberty Center	Brittany Atkinson (Fr.), Liberty Center
Boys Division I	Dublin Coffman	Tsehaye Hiluf (Sr.), Reynoldsburg
Boys Division II	Springfield Shawnee	Steven Weaver (Sr.), Napoleon
Boys Division III	McDonald	Samuel Prakel (Jr.), Versailles

## New Course, New Champions

*Eleven new champions crowned at first state cross country meet at National Trail Raceway*

Six new individual champions and five new team champions were crowned Saturday at the 2011 OHSAA Cross Country State Championships at National Trail Raceway in Hebron. After a chilly morning, the sun came out and made for almost perfect running weather for the more than 850 individual runners. This was the first year the state cross country meet was held at National Trail Raceway after its 26-year stint at Scioto Downs.

After the presentation of the Division II girls awards, the OHSAA and the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCCC) held a special presentation to honor Lexington High School cross country runner Sami Stoner, who inherited Stargardt disease, a juvenile form of macular degeneration that robs children and teens of their central vision. Despite losing some of her vision, Stoner still participates on her school's cross country team with her guide dog, Chloe. Dale Gabor, the director of cross country and track and field for the OHSAA, presented Stoner with a gold medal for the heart and dedication she has displayed over the season and thanked her for being such an inspiration to other teenagers with challenges.

In the first race of the morning, Liberty Center freshman Brittany Atkinson beat out Coldwater sophomore Christina Seas by two seconds to claim the Division III state title in what ended up to be the closest race of the day. Atkinson is the first freshman to win an individual state title since 2005 and did it in a race that featured eight non-seniors in the top 10 finishers. Defending state champion, Tammy Berger (Sr., Versailles), ended her career with a fifth place finish. Atkinson also led another upset helping Liberty Center claim the team crown, breaking the streak of Minster (eighth place), which had previously won three consecutive state titles. The Tigers beat second-place Coldwater by 17 points.

The Division II girls race also saw a battle of underclassmen as London sophomore Sarra Taylor beat out Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga

Valley Christian Academy freshman Samantha Bockoven by nine seconds. Led by junior Marissa Rossetti (eighth place) and senior Tessa Weigand (18th place), the Irish from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary took home their third straight team state title, beating out Chillicothe Zane Trace by 11 points.

Claudia Saunders (Sr., Cincinnati Princeton), the 2010 seventh place finisher, finished her career with a four-second win over Elyse Bierut (Sr., Rocky River) to bring home her first Division I state crown. Rocker River Magnificat, the 2010 team champion, couldn't defend its title as Brunswick won the closest team competition of the day (five points) over Beaver Creek. Led by senior Loren McDaniel (23rd place), Brunswick took home its first state title after finishing fifth in 2010.

On the boys side, Versailles junior Samuel Prakel, the 2010 seventh-place finisher, defeated Independence senior Ryan Polman for the Division III individual state title. Polman and his brother Kyle (ninth place) led the 2010 champion Blue Devils to a second-place team finish behind McDonald. McDonald took home its sixth team title and was led by junior Patrick Kunkel (14th place) and senior Kyle Joynes (17th place).

Division II 2010 runner-up Steven Weaver (Sr., Napoleon) claimed the 2011 individual state title over Defiance junior Abel Flores. Chillicothe Unioto senior Adrian Ross also repeated his 2010 third-place finish. In the team competition, Springfield Shawnee won its first state title after finishing 14th in last year's championship. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary took home the runner-up trophy for the second consecutive year and fourth time overall.

In the last race of the day, Reynoldsburg senior Tsehaye Hiluf beat Sam Wharton (Jr., Tipp City Tippecanoe) by three seconds to claim the boys Division I individual title. Hiluf was the only top 15 finisher to return from last year's top 15. Led by Adam Davidson (Jr., ninth place) and John Sotos (Jr., 27th place), Dublin Coffman also brought home its schools first team state title in cross country, beating Cleveland St. Ignatius by 19 points. The Wildcats were runner's-up in 1997.

## 2011 Boys and Girls Soccer State Tournament Recap

Event	Boys	Girls
Division I	Cleveland St. Ignatius	Strongsville
Division II	Dayton Carroll	Columbus St. Francis DeSales
Division III	Worthington Christian	Cincinnati Summit Country Day

## BOYS 2011 SOCCER RECAPS

### DIVISION I

Three second half goals helped propel Cleveland St. Ignatius to back-to-back titles, defeating Powell Olen tangy Liberty, 4-2, in the 2011 OHSAA boys Division I soccer state championship Friday evening at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

Olen tangy Liberty, making its first state championship appearance, scored first to quiet the St. Ignatius crowd early on a goal by junior Jared Robinson. St. Ignatius bounced back quickly when a minute later senior Matt Foldesy scored off of a deflected save to even the game at one goal apiece. Olen tangy Liberty took the advantage again, on a textbook assist by junior Zach Matheny to junior Sam Deroy for its second goal. The Patriots held on to the, 2-1, lead going into halftime.

St. Ignatius (22-1-1) played a determined second half, getting a goal from junior Nate Fahey and two goals from junior Jacob Roth. Roth also tallied an assist in the second half to go along with his teammate Foldesy's two. The Wildcats' four goals in the contest came on six shots on goal.

After totaling four shots on goal and two goals in the first half, Liberty only managed one in the second half, unable to apply much pressure against the Wildcats defense.

With the 2011 title St. Ignatius has won back-to-back titles and five championships overall. The Wildcats have now won three times in the past four years (2004, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011).

Olen tangy Liberty finishes as runner-up for the first time in boys soccer. The Patriots finish with a 16-3-3 record.

### DIVISION II

In a rematch of the 2010 Division II championship game, Dayton Carroll asserted itself early and controlled the ball the majority of the game to defeat Richfield Revere 3-0 in the 2011 OHSAA boys Division II state soccer championship game Friday at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

Both teams came into the game unbeaten, but Carroll (23-0-0) proved to have the upper hand the majority of the game, controlling the ball and putting pressure on the Revere defense. The Patriots outshot the Minutemen 20 to three with six shots on goal.

The Patriots scored on goals from junior Trae' Collins on assist from junior Zach Zwiesler in the first half and senior Matthew Barnes and senior Austin Neumeier in the second half. Barnes' goal came on a penalty kick after Revere committed a handball inside the 18-yard box.

The 2011 title makes it back-to-back for Carroll. It is the Patriots fourth title overall, and third in the past four years. They have previously won in 2010, 2008 and 1980. The Patriots finish the season undefeated for the first time in school history.

Revere finishes as runner-up for the second year in a row and third time overall (1995, 2010, 2011). The Minutemen lost to Carroll 3-2 in the 2010 championship game. Revere finishes the season 18-1-4 record.

### DIVISION III

Worthington Christian scored once in each half en route to shutting out Gates Mills Hawken, 2-0, in the 2011 OHSAA boys Division III soccer championship Friday at Crew Stadium in Columbus. The title is Worthington Christian's third boys soccer championship.

Under sunny skies with cool temperatures, Worthington Christian (18-4-1) had an opportunity early in the first half when senior Brett Elder received a crossing pass over the middle, but sent the ball off the right post. The Warriors would come right back in the 11th minute of the half to score the first goal of the day. Senior Ben Tjoelker took advantage of a deflected save, putting it past Hawken junior goaltender Peter Labes into the back of the net.

Hawken (18-4-0) began the second half with aggressive play and had a number of opportunities to put pressure on Worthington Christian. The Hawks, however, were unable to capitalize on three Warrior fouls on the offensive side of the field during the half.

In the 74th minute Worthington Christian sealed its championship effort on a goal from Elder on an assist from sophomore Sam Condon.

The title is Worthington Christian's third in boys soccer (2006, 2009, 2011). The Warriors have been in the Division III championship game the past four years, collecting a runner-up finish in 2008 and 2010.

The 2011 runner-up finish for Hawken is its seventh in boys soccer, the last coming in 2007.

## GIRLS 2011 SOCCER RECAPS

### DIVISION I

Strongsville scored off a deflected save in the first half and held on to defeat Dublin Jerome, 1-0, in the 2011 girls Division I soccer championship Saturday at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

Strongsville (21-2-0) took advantage of a deflection after a tough save by Jerome senior goalkeeper Megan O'Donnell. The Mustangs' sophomore Alyssa Pejic put the deflection into the empty net for the lone goal of the evening.

Both schools had equal opportunities in the first half, each tallying three shots on goal. Jerome had four corner kicks in the half while Strongsville had five.

Jerome had a flurry of chances in the second half, but came up empty on five shots, two coming on goal. A deserved amount of credit for the Celtics offensive woes goes to Strongsville's Samantha Ortenzi and Sarah Baskey. The Mustangs sophomore goalkeepers collected five saves in the game.

With the win, Strongsville claims its fourth girls soccer championship (1998, 2002, 2005, 2011). The Mustangs were state runner-up in 2003, 2007 and 2008.

Jerome takes home its first girls soccer runner-up. The Celtics had previously made it to the state tournament in 2004. Jerome finishes the season with a 20-2-1 record.

### DIVISION II

In a fast-paced, aggressive game, Columbus St. Francis DeSales was able to score twice in the second half to defeat Toledo St. Ursula Academy, 2-0, Saturday in the OHSAA girls Division II soccer state championship at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

DeSales (18-4-2) broke a 0-0 tie in the second half, taking advantage of a St. Ursula penalty inside the 18-yard box. DeSales junior Kerry McGuire snuck the penalty kick just past the outstretched arms of St. Ursula senior goalkeeper Nicole Vahalik. The Stallions sealed their championship hopes when senior Alex Elliot connected on a goal off a pass from sophomore teammate Alexis Neri in the 75th minute. DeSales senior goaltender Becca Dowling-Fitzpatrick had three saves in the game.

The game was fairly even statistically with both teams collecting seven shots total and three on goal apiece. St. Ursula committed 15 fouls while DeSales had 12. St. Ursula had the advantage in corner kicks, six to three.

The 2011 championship marks the fourth time DeSales has won a girls title. They previously finished first in 1995, 1997 and 1998. This was the Stallions first appearance in the state tournament since 2002.

St. Ursula finishes as runner-up for the first time in girls soccer. This was the Arrows second appearance in the state tournament, previously playing in the semifinals in 2004. St. Ursula finishes the year with a 15-7-1 record.

### DIVISION III

Cincinnati Summit Country Day used its speed and athleticism to defeat Shaker Heights Laurel School, 5-2, in the OHSAA girls Division III state soccer championship Saturday at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

In the first year for an OHSAA girls Division III soccer championship game, Summit Country Day and Laurel were both making their first appearances in a soccer championship, as well. There had been just two divisions in girls soccer since 1995.

The title for Summit Country Day came in the school's first trip to the title game. The Silver Knights' (19-4-1) five goals tie the record for most goals by one team in a boys or girls championship game. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit scored five in winning the 2001 Division II girls title and Bay Village Bay did so winning the 2003 Division II girls championship.

Summit Country Day began the scoring, with the Silver Knights collecting goals within minutes of each other in the first half. The goals came from freshman Emily Wisner on an assist by junior Amauria Campbell and unassisted by sophomore Meredith Schertzinger.

In the second half Country Day continued to get to the point of attack quicker, with Schertzinger collecting her second goal and an assist, junior Elizabeth Williams scoring a goal and sophomore Addie Englehart scoring as well. Silver Knights junior Izzie Englehart also added an assist.

Laurel sophomore Sydney Riddle scored twice in the second half in an effort to bring the Gators back, but was unable to do so. The Gators claim the runner-up trophy in their first appearance in a championship game. Laurel finishes with a record of 15-6-1.

# 2011 Volleyball State Tournament Recap

Event	Champion	Runner-Up
Division I	Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame	Toledo St. Ursula Academy
Division II	Columbus Bishop Hartley	Kettering Archbishop Alter
Division III	Casstown Miami East	Gates Mills Gilmour Academy
Division IV	St. Henry	Tuscarawas Central Catholic

## 2011 RECAPS

### DIVISION I

In its fifth trip to the OHSAA state volleyball tournament since 2005, second-ranked Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame (24-5) upset the No. 1 ranked and defending state champion Toledo St. Ursula Academy, 25-14, 25-22, 23-25, 28-8, Saturday at Wright State University's Ervin J. Nutter Center. The loss snapped St. Ursula's 48-game win streak that dated back to the 2010 season.

Mount Notre Dame came out on fire in game one, taking a 10-2 lead behind three kills from All-Ohio junior Michelle Strizak, and never looked back on their way to a 25-14 victory. Prior to that loss, the Arrows had never lost a set during the 2011 tournament. The Cougars continued their dominance in set two before the Arrows settled down to win an exciting game three, 25-23. In the final set, Mt. Notre Dame wouldn't be denied as they held St. Ursula to their lowest scoring output of the season (25-8).

The Cougars were led by All-Ohio junior Michelle Strizak, who tallied 22 kills, six service aces and seven digs. Strizak also had a stellar semifinal performance with 20 kills, six aces and 18 digs. She received help from seniors Caitlin Shipp (13 kills), Aubree Hord (43 assists) and Kelsey Wolf (26 digs) in the championship match.

Despite the strong hitting performances by senior Cassidy Croci (16 kills), junior Maddie Burnham (nine kills) and Lauran Graves (eight kills), the Arrows only dug up 64 of the Cougar attacks and finish the season 28-1.

### DIVISION II

The volleyball match between Columbus Bishop Hartley and Kettering Archbishop Alter lived up to the hype Saturday afternoon as these two volleyball powerhouses battled it out in the 2011 OHSAA Division II volleyball state championship at Wright State University's Ervin J. Nutter Center. After letting one slip away in game two, Hartley came back strong in sets three and four to claim its school's first volleyball state title (25-20, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21).

In the last six years, these two schools have combined for eight state tournament appearances, three runner-up trophies and two state titles. It was Hartley's fourth overall state appearance. Alter was making its sixth state appearance and had previously brought home the crown in 2006, 2003 and 2002.

Game one saw an aggressive Alter team jump out to an early 5-2 lead. Hartley battled to back to a 5-5 tie before winning the next point and never relinquishing the lead through the rest of the set. Alter came out on fire again in set two to take a commanding 22-11 lead before winning on a service ace by Natalie Seiler. The Knights couldn't hold onto the momentum though as Hartley battled through 12 ties and seven leads changes in the final two sets.

After a semifinal match in which she put up 18 kills, Hartley All-Ohioan Brooke Betts repeated her impressive performance with 16 kills and three digs in the final match. She received help from junior Molly Shonk, who, after a dominating semifinal match of 17 kills and 18 digs, followed up that performance with 12 kills and 10 digs. Senior Natalie Briggs finished her career with 64 assists over the weekend (29 in the semis and 35 in the finals) and senior Lauren Hurley added 19 assists in the final match.

Alter was led by its senior All-Ohioan Megan Courtney who tallied 17 kills, 12 digs and 20 assists. Courtney, who will be continuing her

volleyball career at Penn State, also had 22 kills and 19 assists in the semifinal match. Sophomore Natalie Seiler was the only other player from Alter with double digit kills (11). On the defensive end, Maddie Bazalak (16), Kelsey McGraw (10) and Kristen Kaiser (9) all contributed to Alter's 61 digs.

### DIVISION III

Top-ranked Casstown Miami East held off some late comebacks by fifth-ranked Gates Mills Gilmour Academy to beat the Lancers 3-1 (26-24, 17-25, 25-23, 25-21) Saturday and capture the OHSAA Division III volleyball state championship at Wright State University's Ervin J. Nutter Center.

It was Miami East's (29-1) first state tournament appearance and Gilmour Academy's (26-3) third state runner-up in five attempts (2011, 2010, 2008).

Despite a stellar performance from its defense, which tallied 115 digs in the match, Gilmour Academy couldn't find a way to stop the sister duo of Samantha and Abby Cash, who posted 18 and 11 kills and 21 and 28 digs, respectively. Junior middle hitter Leah Dunivan also added 14 kills after a semifinal performance of 12 kills and a .435 hitting percentage. The Viking defense was led by sophomore libero Allison Morrett, who totaled 64 digs in the tournament (32 in the semis and 34 in the finals).

Gilmour Academy was led by its senior captain Maddie Kosar, who had a great tournament performance with 17 kills and 29 digs in the finals and seven kills and 13 digs in the semifinals. The Lancers also got solid contributions in the final game from sophomore Jessica Jonata (19 kills), senior Maria Cup (10 kills) and freshman setter Megan Polak (45 assists).

### DIVISION IV

The 2011 OHSAA Division IV state volleyball championship between St. Henry and Tuscarawas Central Catholic saw the No. 1 ranked Redskins' stellar defense defeat the 2010 state runner-up Saints 25-14, 25-12, 22-25, 25-18 in the last match of the day Saturday at Wright State University's Ervin J. Nutter Center. The entire state tournament had 13,644 people watch 16 matches of the state's best volleyball.

St. Henry, whose only loss came to the Division III state champion Casstown Miami East, becomes just the third school with at least seven state volleyball titles, but hadn't brought one home since 2004. The Redskins have made 13 total appearances in the state volleyball tournament. TCC was making its third consecutive appearance.

The Redskins (28-1), who also beat the defending Division III state champions in the regional finals, came out of the gates swinging and won the first two sets easily. TCC would not go down without a fight, however, as they rallied back to win set three 25-22. St. Henry forced TCC to call a timeout taking a 6-2 lead in set four but the Saints couldn't respond as St. Henry went on to win the last set 25-18.

St. Henry was led by seniors Katie Hoyng (26 kills and 12 digs), Abby Brunswick (9 kills and 16 digs) and Ashley Heitkamp (eight kills and 10 digs). Junior libero Kylie Koesters led the Redskin defense with 28 digs.

TCC, which finished its season 24-5, was led by its captains Megan Lawless (nine kills and 11 digs), Samantha Beamer (19 digs) and senior Briana Neidig (14 kills and 21 digs).